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MEETING WITH YOUR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, October 4, 1973

10:30 a.m. (60 Minutes)

The Cabinet Room

From: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

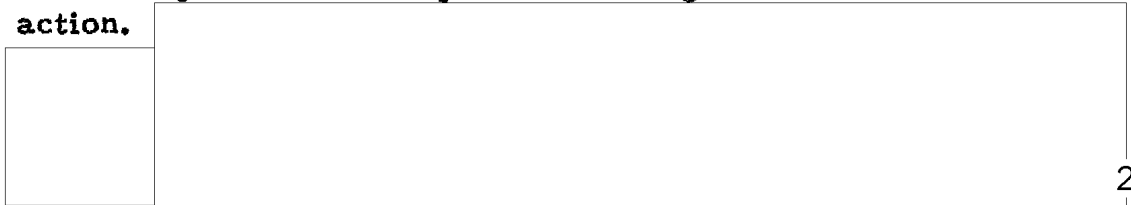
I. PURPOSE

To meet new Board members and to provide guidance as to how the Board can best serve you.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: This will be the second meeting of the newly constituted Board. Four new members were appointed in July 1973. (List at Tab A)

You last met with the Board in May, 1972. Since that time the major study of U.S. capabilities in the field of human source intelligence, which you requested at that meeting, has been completed. The report has been given to the DCI for his action.



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This meeting is a natural occasion to restart and reorient the Board's efforts. The Board is now in the process of planning their activities for the next year. They want your guidance.

- B. Participants: The Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. A complete list of attendees is at Tab A)

PFIAB/NSC Review Completed.

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Count limited  
Human intelligence*

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C. Press Plan: White House Photographer only.

III. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS

In this complex period ahead there will be no lessening of the need for imaginative approaches and careful independent evaluation of U.S. intelligence efforts.

Let me mention just a few of the challenging intelligence problems we currently face:

- There is a continuing need to monitor compliance with the agreements in Southeast Asia and the activities of the Soviets, Chinese, and North Vietnamese. We must accurately assess and forecast their intentions. However, we now have more limited intelligence resources in that area.

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- The MBFR negotiations have similar, if not more difficult, intelligence related problems. We have recently discovered some errors in our earlier estimates of Soviet force levels.

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- I continue to be concerned about Soviet penetration efforts in areas near its southern borders. The Persian Gulf is now even more critically important because of the energy crisis. We must be able to follow the activities of the Soviets, Chinese, and the internal politics of the countries in the area.

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- Export demand for U.S. agricultural crops has an important impact on U.S. prices. We have to do a better job in forecasting foreign agricultural problems and estimating demand.

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The combination of an atmosphere of international detente and domestic animosity toward intelligence activities poses a difficult problem for the intelligence community over the next few years.

- Tight budgets will force hard choices and some personnel reductions.
- The Congress may place new constraints on CIA covert operations.

The Board can be most useful to me by taking the initiative and selecting major problem areas for study.

I would encourage you to focus attention on the major management problems of the intelligence community. I hope you will continue to report periodically to me your assessment of progress toward the goals of the 1971 reorganization, and to suggest management initiatives that can most effectively achieve the objectives of the reorganization.

More specifically, I am concerned about the problems of implementing your recommendations regarding human source intelligence in the current climate of this country. The DCI has the report and I am sure he will act on it. However, I believe you should:

- Follow the community's response and give any further advice you can.
- Further study the conduct of legitimate foreign intelligence activities within the U. S. and advise how they can best be undertaken so as to respond to current sensitivities concerning such activities. What Presidential action is needed to move forward?

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List of Participants

Chairman

Admiral George W. Anderson, Jr.

Members

Dr. William O. Baker  
Governor John B. Connally \*  
Mr. Gordon Gray  
Dr. Edwin H. Land  
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller  
Dr. Edward Teller

(the following are new members, appointed 6/28/73)

Mr. Leon Cherne, Executive Director, Research Institute of America  
Dr. John S. Foster, former Director of Defense Research & Engineering  
Mr. Robert W. Galvin, Chairman of the Board of Motorola, Inc.  
Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, former Congresswoman from Connecticut  
(1943-1947) and Ambassador to Italy (1953-1957)

Executive Secretary

Wheaton Byers  
Commander Lionel Olmer  
Henry A. Kissinger (NSC) \*\*  
General Brent Scowcroft (NSC)

\* Regretted.

\*\* Attending UNGA.